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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION TO OTTAWA MARINE BOUNDARY TALKS

1. CANADIAN MEDIA COVERAGE OF US/CANADIAN DISCUSSIONS ON
INTERIM RECIPROCAL FISHING AGREEMENT, HELD IN OTTAWA
AUG 11 AND 12, HAS BEEN UPBEAT BUT SPARSE. SCATTERED
AUG 12 COVERAGE CONTINUED TO REFLECT OPTIMISM TALKS WOULD
LEAD TO EARLY REOPENING OF CANADIAN WATERS TO U.S. BOATS.

2. CTV EVENING NEWS AUG 12 RAN BACKGROUNDER ON "FISH
WAR" AND NEGOTIATIONS, REPEATEDLY EXPRESSING EXPECTATION
THAT "SUFFICIENT PROGRESS HAVING BEEN MADE" AN AGREEMENT
PERMITTING RESUMPTION OF RECIPROCAL FISHING WOULD BE
SIGNED SHORTLY. OTTAWA CITIZEN ITEM SAME DAY DEPICTED
CANADIAN OFFICIALS AS CONFIDENT OF AN EARLY SETTLEMENT.
COMMENT BY EXTERNAL AFFAIRS SPOKESMAN MADE AT RESUMPTION
OF TALKS "WE ARE VERY OPTIMISTIC" CITED.

3. EMBASSY COMMENT: OPTIMISM REFLECTED IN LIGHT MEDIA
COVERAGE SEEMED TO BE TIED SOLELY TO GOC CONFIDENCE AT
MEETING'S OUTSET THAT GROUNDS WOULD BE FOUND TO JUSTIFY
RESUMPTION OF RECIPROCAL FISHING AND APPEARED NOT TO BE
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IN TOUCH WITH THE PROGRESS OR OUTCOME OF THE TALKS, ON
WHICH NOTHING HAS APPEARED AS YET IN CANADIAN MEDIA.
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